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Re: Whole Body Counting Equipment

Dear Tom:

Memorializing our telephone conversation of this morning, I writing on behalf of the Kili/Bikini/Ejit Local Government Council to ask your office to assist in making operational the whole body counting equipment currently located at the King Juda Health Physics Laboratory on Bikini Island.

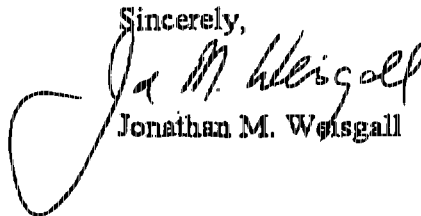
As I understand the situation, Brookhaven donated a whole body counting chair to the Bikini community. Unfortunately, without the electrical components, upgrades and other equipment, the chair is useless for the purposes for which it is intended, namely whole body counting of people living on Bikini Atoll. For lack of knowing the technical term, the Council needs to obtain the "guts" of this equipment to make it work.

Peter Stegnar of the IAEA has offered to conduct a training session for qualified Bikinians as soon as the whole body counting equipment is operational, but he and I are in agreement that it makes no sense to conduct any activities at Bikini until the equipment is in working order. Needless to say, the recent decision to terminate Brookhaven further complicates matters.

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The Council would appreciate any assistance your office can provide to resolve this situation and to achieve the goal of having functional equipment working at Bikini Island. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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